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Soviet Bloc Spy Who Defected To U.S. to Tell His Story Today

A Soviet bloc spy who defected to the United States is scheduled to tell his story to newsmen today at FBI headquarters.

FBI officials would not identify the defector and said only that he would tell a long, involved story about his activities for Soviet intelligence.

Sources said the intelligence community regards the defector, who apparently has been providing secret information for several years to the United States, as being of major

importance. He is living in the United States with a new identity and his appearance has been altered, the sources said.

United Press International quoted one source in the intelligence community as saying that the unusual appearance of the defector at a press conference would have had to have been approved by President Carter.

In an interview Friday marking his retirement as assistant FBI director for intelligence, William O. Cregar said that five Soviet bloc diplomats have been expelled from the United States for espionage activities within the past year. Cregar also said that the FBI had been making significant progress in its counterintelligence program designed to penetrate Soviet spy rings.

ABC last night reported that in addition to the embarrassing effect the defector's press conference will have for the Soviets, the defector asked to make a public appearance for "personal reasons."